



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

MEETING MINUTES

West Hartford Clean Energy Commission

March 13, 2017

7:00 PM

Rm 422

1. Roll Call – 7:00 PM

Member	Present	Alternates	Present
Catherine Diviney	x	Robert Palmer	
Chris Nelson		Dave Mello	
Joe Campanella	x	Vacant	
Bernie Pelletier	x		
Max DuBuisson			
Total	(3 needed for quorum)		
Additional Attendees	Jim Henkel, Charlotte Diviney, Gerry Hayes, Katherine Bruns, George Porter, James Capella, Jeff Howard		

2. Approval of Minutes

- January 9, 2017 - Approved
- February 13, 2017 - Approved

3. Communications/Administration

- Clean Energy Commission – The West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force is now a permanent Commission. It consists of 4 citizen members and 1 staff member. Citizen members: Chris Nelson (co-chair), Joe Campanella, Bernard Pelletier, and Max Dubuisson. Catherine Diviney is the town employee member and co-chair. There are three alternates – Dave Mello (citizen), Robert Palmer (employee), and one vacancy. Catherine to check with Town Clerk on party affiliation requirements for the vacant alternate position.
- Hamden – Catherine Diviney met with Hamden's new part-time energy specialist, Kathleen Schomaker.

4. Ongoing Business

- Hotel LEED - Delmar Hotel construction proceeding. WH-CEC to review the LEED scorecard. Catherine to review vs. LEED handbook.
- Street Light feedback – WH-CEC members who had visited test install sites expressed general preference for the 3000-color temperature/15-Watt power level. Catherine to relay to Tanko Lighting, the contractor on the project.

STREET	NUMBER	POLE	WATTAGE	COLOR	TYPE
Stoneham	3	5699	25	4000k	B
Stoneham	11	5701	25	4000k	B
Stoneham	46	6014	25	3000k	B
Stoneham	Mohawk	2247	25	3000k	B

Ballard	82	2973	15	3000k	B
Ballard	98	2975	15	3000k	B
Ballard	Bainbridge	2979	32	3000k	E
Ballard	162	2984	32	3000k	E
King Phillip	Huron	2156	41	3000k	E
King Phillip	121	4865	41	3000k	E
Gin Still	Buena Vista	Phase 1	15	4000k	E
Sycamore	N of Asylum	Phase 1	15	3000k?	E

- c. Energy / Recycling Plan - Summer Intern posting closes Mar 15, applications received: Katherine Bruns, Bernie, and Catherine to participate in selection.
- d. How-to-Festival – We were accepted to present. Noah Webster Library - Saturday, March 25, 11:30- 12:30 “How to Choose a Light Bulb”. Catherine created a poster board for use at the table. Volunteers to pick up on Friday morning (the 24th). Volunteer Staffers:
 - Jim Henkel
 - Joe Campanella
 - James Capella (depending on work schedule)
 - Max DuBuisson (depending on work schedule)
- e. Celebrate WH – Booth registration submitted. Sat-Sun, June 10-11.
- f. 100PercentCT Project Update – This project was adopted as a research project by the WH-CEC and a monthly report will be provided. Bernie Pelletier provided a summary of WH's energy use, GHG production, and a sample of how solar potential is modeled for circuit 4a4. The Commission asked Mr. Pelletier to compare GHG estimate against an online tool, to examine the lack of Commercial oil heat buildings. (documents attached.)

5. New Business

- a. Solarize with Faith – Jeff Howard presented (slides attached) the launch of the Solarize effort. The WHCEC will work to inform WH Houses of Worship of this program. In addition Jeff will prepare a future presentation on the process by which congregations can get solar on their House of Worship. Gerry Hayes will discuss his experience in Wethersfield. We can invite a broader community to this event. Catherine will pass Hamden contact to Jeff and see if Mayor would sign a letter to WH Houses of Worship about joining Round 2 of Solarize with Faith.
- b. Potential business outreach initiative with CT Green Bank – Catherine and Bernie discussed the offer by the CT Green Bank to pilot an outreach program for CPACE and SBEA in West Hartford. Main elements of this outreach – Town provides information on suitable buildings and the Green Bank provides an Energy Auditor to examine the building an assess potential energy saving measures. Catherine meeting with corporation counsel to approve.

- c. Recap - The 22nd Gallivan Conference - Municipal Climate Policy: Local Solutions for a Global Problem, Hartford, March 3 – Bernie provided a summary of the day long seminar and handed out web links to the presentations (attached).
- d. Website – content update www.westhartfordct.gov/cleanenergy. Katherine Bruns, James Capella, and Catherine will work together to review the content on the website. Also will look at the Building Department web site to post information about energy saving programs.
- e. The WH-CEC is now a member of the WH Chamber of Commerce – (paid for personally by Bernie Pelletier) James Capella and Bernie will explore the website and report back to the WH-CEC next month. In addition they will attend a morning meeting of the Chamber on the 17th and introduce the light bulb event.

6. Adjournment – meeting adjourned promptly at 9:00 PM.

Attachments:

- Municipal Climate Policy: Local Solutions for a Global Problem: weblinks
- 2015 Bench Mark Usage Data
- Solarize with Faith Presentation Slides

Municipal Climate Policy: Local Solutions for a Global Problem

Presentations:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zn0q5tra1cggavq/AAAi9mmUPFpgKpTXj1QBu1Aa?dl=0>

SCIENCE – POLITICS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Adrienne Houel: Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises – keep community green AND working – i.e. jobs and sustainability

Anji Seth – on climate change – “avoid the unmanageable (mitigate), manage the unavoidable (adapt), and to the extent you can do either of those – SUFFER

Nat Gale – Vision Zero – plan to have ZERO traffic deaths (Las Angeles)

Melissa Powers – The role of municipalities in dealing with climate change: control/influence demand – replace/ offset sources (e.g. create green spaces/buy green energy) : Norm-setting (e.g. Portland Oregon)!

DESIGNING THE GREEN CITY- STREETS – INFRASTRUCTURE – NEIGHBORHOODS

Michele Crim – Portland – used to be as the rest of us... IT CAN BE DONE!

Jonathan Rosenbloom – meeting the budget - towns / environmentalists/ the law / working together:
https://prezi.com/fz6gdckgza00/objective-meeting-the-budget/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

Doug Suisman – IQUILT – designing modern walk able streets (very beautiful presentation)

Norman Garrick – Bridgeport – and the grey infrastructure.

BOTTOM LINE – lots of things to do – if we never have another original thought – we can still be successful by imitating!

Hartford is starting to behave like a Capital City:

<https://hartfordclimate.wordpress.com>